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14 April 1964

Honorable John T. McNaughton  
Assistant Secretary of Defense (ISA)  
Washington, D. C. 20301

Dear Mr. McNaughton:

Mr. Bundy's letter I-35202/64, dated 4 March 1964, requested this Agency to review the new SACEUR Alert Measures as contained in SHAPE 169/63.

We have reviewed all measures and have no objections to the proposed U. S. categories.

As requested, we have also reviewed and revised the Agency degree of interest table which is attached.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Lyman B. Kirkpatrick  
Lyman B. Kirkpatrick  
Executive Director

Attachment:

CIA Degree of Interest Table

Signature Recommended:

(signed) Richard Helms 7 April 1964  
Deputy Director for Plans

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/s/ 7 April 1964

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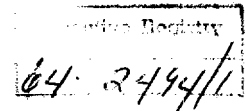
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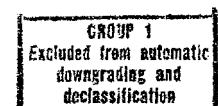
**SUBJECT: SACEUR Alert System**

1. This memorandum recommends action by the Director as stated in paragraph 6, below.

2. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs), in a letter I-35202/64, dated 4 March 1964, requested the Agency to review the proposed U.S. position on SACEUR's revised alert measures as shown in Enclosure 1 to his letter.

3. Each NATO nation establishes a national position with respect to the implementation of the individual SACEUR alert measures which are a part of the NATO Formal Alert System. These national positions are expressed by the following categories: Category I - authorizes major NATO commanders to implement a measure with or without declaration of the related alert; Category II - authorizes implementation of a measure once the related alert has been declared; Category III - withholds national decision on implementing a measure until after the related alert has been declared; or Category IV - states that the measure does not apply.

4. The Secretary of Defense establishes the U.S. position on NATO alert measures, based upon consultations with CIA and 15 other elements of the Federal Government. Each of these elements is also asked to express its degree of interest in each measure, to insure that interested elements will be consulted in case a change to a given measure is proposed. Degree of interest is expressed in the following code: Code 1 - the measure requires action by the Agency and changes to the measure must be coordinated; Code 2 - the measure requires no action by the Agency but changes to the measure must be coordinated; and Code 3 - there is a measure of interest but no action is required by the Agency and changes to the measure need not be coordinated with the Agency.



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5. SACEUR's revised alert measures have been reviewed within the Agency and there are no objections to the proposed U. S. position on these measures. A revised statement of the Agency's degree of interest in each measure has also been prepared based upon consultation with interested Agency components.

6. It is recommended that the Director sign the attached letter to the Assistant Secretary of Defense.

(Signed) Richard Helms

**Richard Helms**  
Deputy Director for Plans

Attachment:

As Stated Above

cc: DDCI

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<b>Remarks:</b> To 1 -- DDCI asks that you sign off on the letter to McNaughton. He also notes that this matter requires a coordinated Agency view, "not just War Plans Staff." <i>Rats - Please check with WPS and see if this was coordinated with DDI and then have retyped for my signature</i>			
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